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SECRETARY VANCE ON THE PLANE GOING FROM CAIRO TO BEIRUT

FEBRUARY 18, 1987

QUESTION: IN THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY  
JODY POWELL SAID THEY HELD  
UP THE CBU DECISION SO THAT YOU COULD INFORM THE ISRAELIS.  
NOW, LAST EVENING IN ISRAEL DID YOU AND THE ISRAELIS DISCUSS  
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WHAT THE DECISION WAS?

ANSWER: LATE THAT NIGHT, THE LAST NIGHT THERE, I RECEIVED THE  
PRESIDENT'S DECISION AND INFORMED THEM OF THAT DECISION  
DEFINITELY THAT NEXT DAY.

QUESTION: THE NEXT DAY?

ANSWER: YES. I HAD  
INDICATED TO THEM IT WAS MY JUDGMENT  
THE DAY BEFORE IT WOULD COME OUT, BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL  
LATE THAT NIGHT THAT I GOT THE PRESIDENT'S FINAL DECISION.  
I INFORMED THEM ON MY WAY TO THE AIRPORT.

QUESTION: THAT WOULD MEAN THAT JODY POWELL DIDN'T GET IT STRAIGHT,  
BECAUSE HE SAID YOU INFORMED THE ISRAELIS ON WEDNESDAY.  
THAT'S WRONG THEN.

ANSWER: YES. IT WAS MY INDICATION. I TOLD  
THEM I THOUGHT THAT  
THIS IS WHERE IT MIGHT COME OUT.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY  
THERE IS A STORY THIS MORNING IN THE  
WASHINGTON POST TO THE EFFECT THAT KING HUSSEIN HAS BEEN ON THE CIA  
PAYROLL PERSONALLY SINCE ABOUT 1947, AND THAT LAST WEEK  
PRESIDENT CARTER STOPPED THE ARRANGEMENT. DO YOU KNOW  
APPROXIMATELY IF HE WAS, AND IF TRUE, IT HAS BEEN STOPPED?

ANSWER: I HEARD ABOUT THE STORY TODAY AND I HAVE NO COMMENT.

QUESTION: DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION?

ANSWER: I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER.  
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QUESTION: I UNDERSTAND, SIR, BUT LET ME JUST BEG TO EXPLAIN  
WHY I'M ASKING, CAUSE THE STORY SAYS WAY DOWN IN THE STORY THAT  
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT INFORMED  
DURING THE TRANSITIONGM  
AM I CORRECT?

THAT'S RIGHT.  
THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT THE MATTER.

ANSWER: YES, I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE STORY.

QUESTION: ALL RIGHT. OKAY.

QUESTION: COULD YOU ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THE PROPOSAL OF PRESIDENT  
SADAT ON SOME SORT OF A CONFEDERATION TO EXIST BETWEEN THE PLO  
OR THE PALESTINIAN WEST BANK STATE AND JORDAN, AND WHETHER

YOU REGARD THIS AS A CONSTRUCTIVE THING, AND IF SO, HOW WILL IT MOVE THE SITUATION FORWARD?

ANSWER: IT SEEMS TO ME ITS A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION. IT BEGINS TO MOVE FORWARD SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE ISRAELIS AS TO HOW THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION MIGHT BE RESOLVED AND THEREFORE THEREAPPEARS TO BE SOME NARROWING OF THE DIFFERING POSITIONS AND TO THAT EXTENT IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THAT PROPOSAL WITH PRESIDENT SADAT DURING YOUR CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY?

ANSWER: YES, I DID.

QUESTION: WAS IT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, DID YOU PROPOSE, DID YOU FOR EXAMPLE SUGGEST THAT THE LINK BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND THE PLO  
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BE A MATTER FOR GENEVA RATHER THAN AFTERWARD?

ANSWER: LET ME SAY THAT THE PURPOSE OF MY TRIP HAS BEEN TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS I COULD AND TO LEARN AS DEEPLY AS I COULD WHAT THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS STATES ARE WITH RESPECT TO THE WHOLE RANGE OF SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES WHICH ARE BOUND UP IN THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. I HAVE FOUND THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE TWO CAPITALS WHICH I HAVE BEEN TO OR IN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH I HAVE BEEN TO BE VERY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FRANK. THEY HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT I PUT TO THEM. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROBE IN DEPTH QUESTIONS WHICH I MIGHT HAVE WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS OR PROPOSALS. AS A RESULT OF THAT I THINK THAT I HAVE GAINED INFORMATION WHICH IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL TO ME AND THE PRESIDENT AS WE MOVE ALONG IN ATTACKING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. I DO NOT INTEND TO GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD WITH THE VARIOUS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND THEIR CABINETS. OUR ROLE IS TO TRY AND ACT AS A FACILITATOR WHO COULD BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. I THINK IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO ME TO GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH ARE MADE TO ME AS POSSIBLE BRIDGING STEPS.

QUESTIONS: COULD YOU COMMENT -- COULD YOU MAKE A JUDGMENT SOLIDLY THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE READY TO TRY TO MOVE THE PLO SPECIFICALLY --  
-- I AM ASKING WHETHER HE THINKS HE SENSIS THAT THE EGYPTIANS

ARE READY TO TRY TO MOVE THE PLO ON THIS QUESTION OF THE COVENANT SPECIFICALLY. WOULD THIS HAVE TO BE RESOLVED.

ANSWER: YES I DO, I DO HAVE THAT FEELING.

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QUESTION: IS IT YOUR IMPRESSION THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD THE SUPPORT  
OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE PLO. OBVIOUSLY FAHMY HAD  
SEEN ARAFAT YESTERDAY. THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME CONNECTION. WAS  
THERE IN FACT A CONNECTION?

ANSWER: THE ONLY THING I WANT TO SAY ON THIS IS IT APPEARED THAT  
IT DID HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE ...

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QUESTION: THE SUPPORT OF THE PLO?

ANSWER: YES, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.

QUESTION: ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE LINK WITH THE JORDANIANS?  
YOU'RE NOT REFERRING TO THE COVENANT BUSINESS?

ANSWER: I WAS REFERRING TO THE LINKAGE.

QUESTION: BUT YOU HAVE NO INDICATION OF HOW THE PLO MIGHT GO.

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW HOW THE PLO WILL GO.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY -  
EXCUSE ME?

DO YOU SEE KING HUSSEIN SUPPORTING THE IDEA?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T HAD MY TALKS WITH HIM YET.  
(MR. SECRETARY - YOU SAID BEFORE THAT ...)  
I'LL FIND OUT WHEN I TALK TO HIM.

QUESTION: YOU DO THINK THE EGYPTIANS ARE READY TO MOVE THE PLO ON THE  
COVENANT, THAT MEANS ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF THE RECOGNITION  
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

ANSWER: YES.

(REPORTER: JUST SO THERE IS NO AMBIGUITIES.)

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY - DID YOU BRING UP, OR DID THEY BRING UP  
WITH YOU, FUTURE ARMS SALES TO EGYPT. SPECIFICALLY, THE F-5'S.

ANSWER: LET ME SAY THAT WE DISCUSSED THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES  
AS ENUNCIATED BY PPRESIDENT CARTER -- MAKE IT THE CONCERN  
RATHER THAN THE POLICY -- THE CONCERN OF PRESIDENT CARTER  
WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES THROUGHOUT THE  
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WORLD, AND HIS DESIRE TO TRY AND FIND WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON THE  
SALE OF ARMS, AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD BECAUSE  
OF OUR POSITION AS THE PRINCIPAL ARMS SELLER. I ALSO DIS-  
CUSSED WITH THEM THE PROBLEM OF ARMS SALES IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
AND OUR DESIRE TO TRY AND FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE SALE OF  
ARMS TO THE COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THIS CONNECTION  
THE EGYPTIANS RAISED THE QUESTION OF THEIR MILITARY REQUIRE-  
MENTS AND NEEDS AND INDICATED THAT THEY HAD READ MY TESTIMONY  
AT THE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS IN WHICH I HAD SAID THAT IF  
REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THEM, WE WOULD CONSIDER THEM  
APPLYING THE THREE PRINCIPLES WHICH I ENUNCIATED AT THE

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS AND AGAIN IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH I HAD WITH ALL OF YOU.

QUESTION: HOW DOES THAT TRANSLATE, SIR? DOES THAT MEAN THAT THERE COULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF THE US . . .

ANSWER: NO. ALL IT MEANS IS THAT THEY MAY, THEY MAY MAKE REQUESTS OF US, AND IF SO, WE WILL TREAT THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES THAT I HAVE PREVIOUSLY ENUNCIATED.

QUESTION: DID YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. SADAT ...

WHAT?

DID MR. SADAT'S PROPOSAL CATCH YOU BY SURPRISE?

WHICH?

TO HAVE THE CONFEDERATION WITH JORDAN AND THE WEST BANK AND, SECONDLY, WHAT IS NOW THE GAP.

ANSWER: LET'S TAKE IT QUESTION BY QUESTION.  
I HAD NOT HEARD THAT PROPOSAL FROM HIM UNTIL HE MADE IT.

QUESTION: IN YOUR PRIVATE TALKS?

ANSWER: YES.  
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QUESTION: SECONDLY, WHAT IS NOW THE GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

WHAT?

WHAT IS NOW THE GAP IN THE UNDERSTANDING ISRAEL HAS AND MR. SADAT'S PROPOSAL IN SEATING THE JOINT PALESTINIAN/JORDANIAN DELEGATION. IS THERE NOW A MAJOR DIFFERENCE?

ANSWER: LET ME SAY THIS...THERE IS STILL A MAJOR DIFFERENCE...

QUESTION: I'M A LITTLE LOST BY THAT SIR. A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN WHAT, SIR?

ANSWER: HE SAID IS THERE A GAP AND WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE GAP BETWEEN THE POSITIONS ENUNCIATED BY SADAT YESTERDAY WITH RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND THE VIEW OF THE ISREALIS, AND I SAID YES, THERE IS A GAP, AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE DETAILS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY: YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO LOOK FOR THE GIVE IN POSITIONS...DID YOU FIND A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISRAELI SIDE AND THE EGYPTIAN SIDE? DID YOU

REALLY FIND MUCH GIVE, OR DID YOU GET A PRETTY HARD LINE?

ANSWER: NO, THERE ARE BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM, BUT BOTH OF THEM INDICATED THAT IF THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS COULD BE RESOLVED, THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO GO TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

QUESTION: YOU SAY YOU FOUND GIVE IN THERE?

ANSWER: I THINK THAT'S GIVE.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY PRACTICALITY IN THIS NOTION OF TRYING TO MOVE TOWARD SOME KIND OF ENTITY LINKING JORDAN AND A WEST BANK  
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PALESTINIAN STATE TO GO BEFORE GENEVA THIS YEAR? IT ALL SEEMS YOU HAVE TO COMPRESS SO MUCH.

ANSWER: LET ME SAY, IF WE ARE GOING TO PLAY THE KIND OF ROLE I THINK WE CAN, MOVING BETWEEN THE PARTIES, AND TRYING TO BRING THEM TOGETHER, THAT FOR ME TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL ON WHAT I THINK OF THIS PROPOSAL AND THAT PROPOSAL IS NOT CONSTRUCTIVE. I THINK OUR ROLE IS ONE HERE OF TRYING TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER, AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT, WHAT I MAY THINK ABOUT THE VALIDITY OR STRENGTH OF ONE PROPOSAL AS OPPOSED TO ANOTHER.

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QUESTION: IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ALSO  
SUPPORTED IN A GENERAL WAY BY SYRIA AND SAUDI ARABIA?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW. I WILL FIND OUT WHEN I GO THERE. I THINK  
ITS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THEM BEFORE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO  
SPEAK FOR THEM. I'LL HEAR IT FROM THEM.

QUESTION: CAN YOU ADDRESS A GENERAL QUESTION OF PRACTICALITY THOUGH,  
MR. SECRETARY? THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHERING ME. WHETHER IT'S STILL  
POSSIBLE TO THINK IN TERMS OF GETTING TO GENEVA THIS YEAR.

ANSWER: YES, I STILL THINK ITS POSSIBLE.

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QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU CONTINUE TO SAY  
'GENEVA TYPE' AND THEN WHEN WE ASK ABOUT IT, YOU SAY I MEAN  
GENEVA?

ANSWER: IT'S A SLIP OF THE TONGUE. I REALLY DON'T DRAW ANY DISTINCTIO  
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ON THAT.

QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN A Z ADVANCEMENT IN SADAT'S THINKING ON  
THE KIND OF PEACE THAT HE'S WILLING TO CONCLUDE WITH ISRAEL AT  
THE END OF THIS PROCESS?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: DID YOU TAKE ANYTHING HE SAID AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE OR  
WHAT HE SAID TO YOU AS AN INDICATION THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING  
TO ESTABLISH TRADE, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HAVE A NORMAL RELATION-  
SHIP WITH ISRAEL, AS IF IT WERE ANY OTHER STATE?

ANSWER: LET ME JUST SAY THIS, THERE WAS MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN I  
HAD THOUGHT BEFORE I CAME TO CAIRO, FROM HAVING READ VARIOUS  
POSITIONS.



QUESTION: DID YOU FIND THE SAME THING IN JERUSALEM, TOO?

ANSWER: YES. YES. A LITTLE BIT.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY I THINK, YOU KNOW, THAT THERE AREN'T VERY DEEP SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES AND PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES, BUT I DO GET A FEEL OF SOME FLEXIBILITY DEVELOPING ON THE PART OF THE PARTIES I TALKED TO, AT LEAST THOSE I HAVE TALKED TO.

QUESTION: I HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM WITH THAT.

ANSWER: I'M NOT TRYING TO SEEM OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIS.

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QUESTION: YOU TALKED ABOUT PRECONDITIONS, WITH PRECONDITIONS I HAVE A LITTLE TROUBLE, BECAUSE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PROCEDURE OF SEATING, OF REPRESENTATION, BUT PRECONDITIONS USUALLY GO TO THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN. CAN YOU EXPAND ON THAT A BIT ...

ANSWER: YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO ME. WHAT I SAID WAS THAT IF THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED, THEN THE PARTIES HAVE SAID, THE ONES I'VE TALKED TO, THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

QUESTION: AND THAT IS GIVE ON PROCEDURE, IF YOU TAKE THAT AS BEING A SIGN THAT THEY'RE GIVING.

ANSWER: I THINK IT'S OBVIOUS IF SOMEBODY SAYS THEY'LL GO AND TALK SUBSTANCE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, THAT THAT'S PROGRESS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY - DID PRESIDENT SADAT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC ARMS REQUESTS OF YOU.

ANSWER: I ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.

I'VE GOT NOTHING TO ADD TO THAT.

LET ME ADD TO THAT. I SAID, I REALLY SAID ALL I'M GOING TO SAY ON THAT.

QUESTION: YOU SAID HE MAY ASK FOR THINGS AND IF SO, YOU WOULD CONSIDER IT, USING THE THREE PRINCIPLES.

ANSWER: HE INDICATED TO ME IN GENERAL TERMS HIS NEEDS AND I WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY MAKE A REQUEST BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN IT COMES.

QUESTION: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIM PERSONALLY, OF SADAT; WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO HIM?

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ANSWER: I FOUND HIM TO BE A VERY WARM AND INTELLIGENT MAN WHO HAD OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT DEEPLY ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE NEED FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. I FOUND HIM COMPLETELY FRANK AND FORTHCOMING IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THAT I ASKED OF HIM. AND I CAME AWAY WITH A VERY HIGH REGARD FOR HIM AS A MAN.

QUESTION: DID HE ASK FOR ANY MORE ECONOMIC AID?

ANSWER: WE DISCUSSED ECONOMIC AID AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC AID AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT TO THE UNITED - TO HIS COUNTRY AND I INDICATED TO HIM WHAT WAS IN THE PRESENT BUDGET WHICH WE ARE SENDING UP TO CONGRESS, IN THAT RESPECT.

QUESTION: ABOUT \$900 MILLION.

WHAT?

WHAT WAS THAT FIGURE? WAS THAT FIGURE \$900 MILLION?

ANSWER: ABOUT 900. I THINK IT'S 750 PLUS 114 OF PL-480. THAT'S MY RECOLLECTION.

QUESTION: IS THAT THE SAME NOW AS FY 1977?

ANSWER: A LITTLE BIGGER.

THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS A LOT. IS THIS ON THE RECORD?  
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